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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ELABORATES ON GON POLICY TOWARD
SOUTH AFRICA

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1. IN WWITTEN REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS SEPT 30,
FOREIGN MINISTER CAN DER STOEL EXPANDED ON HIS STATEMENTS
ABOUT POSSIBLE SOUTH AFRICAN SANCTIONS (REFTEL) IN SAYING
THAT COLLECTIVE MEASURES, INCLUDING A COMPULSORY ARMS EMBARGO,
WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IF SOUTH AFRICA "CONTINUES TO REFUSE TO
COOPERATE EFFECTIVELY AND CONSISTENTLY" IN SOLVING PROBLEMS
IN THE REGION. FOREIGN MINISTER INCLUDED QUESTION OF APARTHEID
IN HIS DEFINITION OF PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED, BUT POINTED OUT
THAT ACCOUNT MUST BE TAKEN OF EFFECT OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS
ON NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA.

2. VAN DER STOEL SAID AN ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF SOUTH AFRICA
COULD ONLY BE EFFECTIVE IF IT WERE APPLIED COLLECTIVELY ON
THE BASIS OF A BINDING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. DUTCH
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STATISTICS OFFICE FIGURES SHOW THAT AN ECONOMIC BOYCOTT

OF SOUTH AFRICA WOULD COST THE NETHERLANDS MORE THAN \$250
MILLION A YEAR IN EXPORTS.
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